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"PULL FOR OUR PAPER."

Editor Kentucky Irish American:

DEAR SIR—The Kentucky Irish American is a paper that is badly needed for the Irish people. It is the first of its kind printed in the State, and it should not be necessary to urge the Irish-American people to give it their hearty support. Through its columns we shall be enabled to become better known to one another, and a union formed and cemented by the ties of blood and country that will be a mutual help that nothing can destroy.

Other nationalities, notably the Germans, are away ahead of us in this respect. Notice how they co-operate with and assist one another, making life both pleasant and profitable. We must one and all make a strong pull for our paper and for one another, and success will crown our efforts.

With the twenty sample copies you sent me I had no trouble in securing forty subscribers, and will get that many more. All whom I have met have expressed themselves as well pleased with the Kentucky Irish American, and do not hesitate to make known their appreciation of its efforts and policy. Yours respectfully, JAMES CODY, Louisville, Ky.

This is the idea—to uphold one another. We have long enough been scattered and disunited. Let us close up our ranks and form a solid body, strong and willing enough to help one another, and not forgetful of our brother in business, be ready to throw our money in his way, especially if just beginning his profession or if newly started on the way of building a fortune.

Let our young men and women, our older men and matrons, form social clubs and meet together, not for gossip or scandal nor for a display of fashion, but to encourage one another in study and reading, music and literature generally. Such pursuits build up the mental and moral being. Right here the query presents itself: Where are the hundreds of clever young people that could be accommodated every evening, for instance, in St. Francis' Hall? Here are to be seen tables stacked with fresh, crisp reading matter, with history, philosophy and poetry lying for the most part undisturbed on the shelves. There is also a piano for the delectation of those who wish to call or spend the evening. But where are they for whom these things are provided? Look around the street corners and principal thoroughfares of the city and you will find thousands of empty-headed young men and simpering young girls promenading like pea fowls for the admiration of one another.

Let our quota of these throngs but learn the beauties of literature or the joys of music, forming literary societies and such like, and street loitering, and craze for dress, and backbiting, and the horde of other petty evils that thrive among unintelligent people will quickly disappear. The bettering of its condition forms a new era for a race.

The Kentucky Irish American will aim to be in touch with the people for whom it has been started on its journey, and when it calls on its friends to unite and be a light and strength to one another will they not heed its voice?

PAST AND FUTURE.

Can it not be truthfully said that we are a nation of ingrates? The friends of our youth as a nation are forgotten by us in our mad rush for power and aggrandisement.

France, who more than any other agency contributed to make us an independent nation, is now condemned and sneered at. Russia, our true friend in the war between the North and South, is now belittled on every occasion by the public press, and England, our arch-enemy, is held up as the great exemplar of human freedom. People and press alike slop over whenever the name of England is mentioned. Extravagantly lauded and styled the champion of human freedom, yet every tyrant in history knows that England has been the greatest destroyer of liberties of other races that the world has ever seen. Anglo maniacs want our country to form an alliance with England in order to enter on a career of conquest and robbery under the guise of humanitarianism. This word bids fair to be as much abused as the word liberty. America became great by minding her own business, and it will be a sad day for humanity when, acting the part of bully, she starts out interfering in the affairs of other nations.

WORDS THAT COUNT.

We are indebted to the Irish World of last week for a very kind and flattering commendation of the Kentucky Irish American. It said: "One of the good fruits of the organization of the Irish-American Society of the city of Louisville, Ky., last year, is the Kentucky Irish American, the first issue of which reached this office some weeks ago. Such mediums of expressing Irish thought and sentiment are timely just

now, when the arrogant pretension is being spread broadcast through every available means that money will procure that this is an 'Anglo-Saxon' nation. The Kentucky Irish American states its mission well when it says: 'This paper is not issued to put forward the claims of those of Irish birth to the exclusion of other American citizens. All that it will seek to do is to bring the attention of its fellow-citizens to the just claims the Irish-Americans have in sharing all that goes to make this country great and glorious.' The paper is an eight-page weekly, and presents a neat appearance. Its columns contain numerous items of local news which should interest not only the citizens, but Kentuckians of Irish blood wherever they may be. Its opinions on matters of current interest are expressed in that clear, forcible style which forces the interest of the reader and carries conviction. The paper is under the management of Mr. William M. Higgins, a newspaper man of experience and ability.

Encouragement from such a source counts for a great deal, and we will try to scatter broadcast the same idea of union and sympathy that has made a powerful organ of the Irish World.

Our friends and patrons must rally round our banner and by their support assist us in making what we claim can be made of this paper, viz., a bright, vigorous and newsy sheet that will be welcomed into every home.

Edward Cassidy, of New York City, makes a pertinent and timely suggestion in the following letter to the New York Sun: "In looking over the names selected for our new torpedo boats and torpedo-boat destroyers recently published, the writer, who is a warm and enthusiastic admirer of the navy, was rather surprised to find that none of them is to bear the name of Barry, who is noted in our histories and school books as 'the Father of the American navy.' Since it is the custom in our navy to name boats of the classes spoken of above after our most distinguished commanders, does it not seem strange that the man who was the very founder of the navy has thus far been ignored? I trust that if the Hon. John D.

Long, Secretary of the Navy, happens to get his eye on it he will write the name of Barry in indelible ink (or pencil) in a place conspicuous enough to be seen by him without glasses when he is about to select names for our future torpedo boats."

The following words of wisdom were recently written to the New York Herald by Bishop Spalding: "Our history, our true and permanent interests, as well as our providential mission as a people, should prevent us from entering into an alliance with any European State in developing the field, which we have on this side the Atlantic and in finding a proper solution for the grave political and social problems by which we are confronted. We have a work vaster than has ever before been given one people to do, and which, if rightly done, will insure to the benefit not of ourselves alone, but of mankind. If we enter into an alliance with Great Britain we shall be drawn away from our proper business into the wars and revolutions which threaten Europe. We shall become a great military power, and in becoming such we shall not only lose the spirit which animated our fathers in founding the republic, but we shall lose the ability to maintain the union of the States."

Her Gracious (?) Majesty Queen Victoria takes occasion to congratulate Parliament on the bountiful crops in India and the cessation of the famine there, but failed to mention a word in her speech regarding the destitution now prevailing in Ireland. Is it any wonder that Irishmen and lovers of liberty the world over abominate English misrule in Ireland when that Government will stand by and see thousands of people in the West of Ireland dying by slow degrees of starvation? The gracious and motherly Victoria, the visible head of a church that aspires to be called catholic and Christian, and the English press catering to this uncharitable, cruel stupidity, take absolutely no notice of this suffering and distress, or if they mention it at all it is only to sneer at the so-called "want of thrift" of the Irish people.

Now that the war is over what will the yellow journalists do for a theme? There were more battles fought on the pages of newspapers than would do for a war of six months' duration. Avarice and greed prompted these men to write up matter that had no foundation whatever. As the excitement is now dying out and no wonderful achievements are occurring to be flashed in flaming colors before the public, the yellow journalist had better betake himself to Cuba where he can help start another revolution. Such disturbances are common there, consequently Cuba will suit the character of this sensational, wild-eyed class of writers.

The Associated Press in this country for months past has been regaling us with exaggerated accounts of Spanish cruelty in dealing with the Cubans, but never a word do they mention of the hunger-stricken people of Ireland. Her Majesty Queen Vic also takes occasion to congratulate Parliament on their generosity in voting money for the army and navy—ever ready to give bullets instead of bread to her starving subjects.

Certain of the daily papers are making herculean efforts to induce new enterprises to locate in Louisville, while at the same time favoring the purchase of foreign material for city purposes in preference to the home made article. They are inconsistent, to say the least.

Our friends and the public generally are extended a cordial invitation to visit the office of the Kentucky Irish American. Strangers may make this office their headquarters while in the city.

We want every reader of this paper to send us the name of a new subscriber.

The Kentucky Irish American is a first-class advertising medium.



Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moran are visiting friends in Chicago.

Miss Charlotte Walsh has gone to Iowa, to be gone a month.

The readers of this column are invited to visit our new office.

Mrs. Coon and son Morgan are at White Sulphur Springs.

Mr. John Joyce leaves today for a visit in Lebanon and Springfield.

Miss Katie Barrett, of 1555 Lytle street, is spending a week at West Baden.

Misses Josephine and Bessie Mattingly are guests at St. Mary's, Lebanon.

Miss Nellie Murphy, of Shelbyville, is visiting the Misses Lauer, of Clifton.

Miss Katie Fay is a guest at St. Catherine's Academy, in Nelson county, Ky.

Miss Helen Fay, of 611 St. Catherine street, is visiting relatives in New York.

Miss Mary Houlihan, of Cawthon street, will leave next week for New York City.

Mr. Tom Batman returned with his family yesterday from an extended visit East.

Mrs. Walter Grimes and daughter are spending a week at White Sulphur Springs.

Miss Bee Carr, of East Main street, will be the guest of friends in Nashville until September 1.

Miss Rosa Kuhn, of 1027 Eighth street, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Burke, at Leopold, Ind.

Miss Minnie Lauer, of Clifton, has returned home after spending several weeks in Shelbyville.

Mr. D. J. Coleman, of Seventeenth and Portland avenue, is resting up at West Baden Springs.

Mr. Joseph T. O'Neal and family have returned from a delightful outing at White Sulphur.

Miss Mayme Seltzer is spending the summer with her friends in the northern part of Indiana.

Miss Maggie Hourigan is the guest of her friend, Miss Mamie Kaelin, Thirtieth and Market.

Miss Nellie B. Egan, a sister of Mr. John F. Egan, is seriously ill at her residence, 1920 Portland avenue.

Miss Maggie Joyce, 1026 Eighth street, left for Chicago Tuesday, and will not be home until September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Finnegan, of Jeffersonville, who have been visiting friends in Madison, are at home.

Circuit Clerk John H. Page and wife are at home again after a month's stay at Red Sulphur Springs, Va.

Mr. Patrick Bannon and Mrs. Charles White have returned from a delightful visit to West Baden Springs.

Mr. Joe Nolan, a very popular young man of the East End, has just returned from a visit to friends in Utica.

John McGrath, the popular Deputy Jailor, who has been spending some time at Hot Springs, is home again.

Misses Mamie and Callie Miller were tendered a delightful serenade Tuesday night by the Orpheus Glee Club.

Mr. Mike Sheehan, of Nineteenth and Portland avenue, is spending a pleasant vacation at West Baden Springs.

Misses Maggie and Sallie Mackey, two very charming young ladies of Portland, are visiting White Sulphur Springs.

Geo. A. Buckle, ex-Deputy Assessor, has accepted a position as book-keeper for Ware, Reeder & Co., on Main street.

Misses Mollie and Annie Glennon, of Nashville, have returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives in Portland.

Miss Annie E. Czapski, society editor of the Post, returned this week from Sewanee, Tenn., after a three weeks' visit.

Mr. Mark Ryan, the Deputy Circuit Clerk, will leave Monday for Cincinnati and the East. He will be gone two weeks.

Misses Amelia and Victoria Crow left Tuesday for Pewee Valley, where they will remain with friends for about three weeks.

Master William Fay, a prominent little man of the West End, is a guest of his cousin, Master Peter Fitzgerald, in Pewee Valley.

Judge and Mrs. Walter P. Lincoln and family have returned from a month's visit at Rockcastle Springs and in Knox county.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. McDonald will leave for Indianapolis Monday, August 22, to attend the K. of P. Supreme Convention.

J. J. Luby, J. J. O'Brien, Miss Ella Murray, L. D. Murray, of Lexington; R. P. Waist, Mt. Sterling; M. J. Lookey, Winchester, and J. D. McRohan, Carlisle, were in the city the first part of the week. They were on their way to St.

Louis to attend the Y. M. I. convention. Mr. L. D. Murray is Grand President of the organization.

Judge Sterling B. Toney, who has been visiting in Chicago, was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Mayor Carter Harrison.

Mr. James McDonough, of this city, will leave for Washington about September 1. He will enter Georgetown College and study law.

Mr. Jos. Cavanaugh, the well-known local ball player, has returned from Russellville, where he made a great record for himself.

Mr. Edward P. Brown, of Seventh and Zane streets, has returned from a pleasant visit at Vine Grove, where he was the guest of Mrs. Hayes.

Capt. Joe Tanksley has returned from Hot Springs, and his many friends will be pleased to learn that he was greatly benefited by the trip.

Capt. J. B. Murphy, of Jeffersonville, General Yardmaster of the Pennsylvania, and Ben Doolittle left Wednesday morning for an Eastern trip.

Mr. Herman Wibbels, the well-known East End printer, has returned from Evansville, where his wife is spending the summer for her health.

Robert Keyer, who has been representing Unity Council at the St. Louis convention, will be the guest of friends in that city for another week.

Cosmas Meagher has just returned, after a six-weeks' stay, from Hardinsburg. He returned much improved, greatly to the joy of his friends.

Miss Rose Smith, of Washington, D. C., who has been spending the summer as the guest of her cousin, Frank G. Cunningham, will leave for home next week.

Mrs. Frank P. Carroll, of 2121 West Jefferson street, gave a dinner in honor of Miss Grace Scanlan, Mrs. Carroll's niece, who is visiting from Indianapolis.

Miss Phenia Schoenberger, although a most popular German girl, is well liked by her Irish friends, and can be seen at almost every entertainment given by them.

A number of friends of Miss Alice Owens, a popular West End young lady, gave a pleasant hayride party in honor of her nineteenth birthday Tuesday evening.

Miss Kate Boden's great popularity was attested at the lawn fete Monday evening, where she had the support of 655 admirers. Miss Boden is prominent in amateur dramatic circles, and has a host of friends.

Miss Blanche Carr left last Wednesday for Chicago, where she joined a house party given by Miss Linnie Dietz, at the residence of her uncle, Dr. Pettit, in Englewood.

Mrs. Patrick White and daughter, Miss Emma, of Twenty-fifth and Walnut streets, left last week for Atlantic City and New York. They will be absent about three weeks.

Mr. Thomas Martin and Miss Annie McDermott, two of the most popular young people of Limerick, have been united in marriage. Rev. Father Logan performed the ceremony.

Col. and Mrs. M. Muldoon and Miss Anita Muldoon have gone to Saratoga. Misses Hannah and Aleen Muldoon have gone to Chilesburg, near Lexington, where they will spend several weeks.

Thomas J. Keyer, of 1325 West Chestnut street, who has been making a tour of Ireland, France and Germany, for the past two months, is due in New York today, and will be home during the coming week.

Mr. Pat Donovan, the popular dispenser at the Oakwood, celebrated his thirty-second birthday last Tuesday. He received a number of costly presents, among which was a diamond pin from his employer.

Mr. P. H. Donahue and Mr. Daniel E. Donahue, twin brothers, celebrated their thirty-second birthday at the home of Mr. P. H. Donahue, 1346 Eighth street, Tuesday night. A large number of their friends were present.

Master Bernard Hackett entertained about sixty of his young friends with a birthday party at his home, in Portland. The youngsters who attended had an enjoyable time dancing to the music furnished by the harpists.

Prof. John M. Cooney, of St. Mary's College, Marion county, Ky., visited his friend, Father Tabb, the well-known Southern poet, in Virginia last week. On his way South he stopped at Newport News and called on many of the Louisville soldier boys.

Mr. A. R. Doble, one of the most efficient and popular officials at the Government depot at Jeffersonville, has returned from Cincinnati. His friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Doble is greatly improved in health and able to resume his duties at the depot.

One of the pleasant social events of the season will take place Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. J. M. Nehan, 2438 West Chestnut street, to which all the readers of this column are invited. The assessment is only ten cents, and the object is a laudable one.

Miss Virginia V. Mackey, who was awarded the first prize at the Hibernian

lawn fete Monday evening, is one of the most charming and popular young ladies of the West End. She was represented by 723 tickets. Miss Mackey, who is only seventeen years old, is a graduate of the Normal School.

Mr. Patrick Fallon, with Richard Quinn, Seventh and Oak, is at present the biggest little Irishman in Limerick, or in the city for that matter. Mr. Fallon was last Monday presented with two bright eight-pound boys, who, with the mother, are doing splendidly. Congratulations are being received by him.

The Young Men's Society, an organization composed of well-known young society men, will give a dance at Fountain Ferry Park Friday evening, September 2. The society is composed of the following young men: James W. Bigley, Robert L. Higgins, Harry T. Estelle, John J. Welsh, John F. Holland, Edward McDonald, George R. Schuman, Edward C. Kelly and William J. Rueff.

CHURCH NOTES.

A new parsonage containing eleven rooms will be erected by Father Fitzgerald at Owensboro. An assistant will also be appointed to assist him in his arduous labors.

Right Rev. Bishop Maes, of Covington, will be in Frankfort on Sunday, September 4, when he will confirm a large number of persons in the Church of the Good Shepherd.

The novena, which had been made in honor of Our Blessed Lady at St. John's, closed last Monday evening. At the end of the exercises the Papal benediction was given by Father Bax.

At last a chapel will be built by the Catholics at West Point. After striving for this for a number of years they have at last succeeded in obtaining their wish, as the bill allowing it has been signed by President McKinley.

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Father O'Sullivan, pastor, will have their all-day outing at Riverview Park August 30. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the congregation. As this one of the poorest parishes in the city it is hoped a large crowd will attend.

The many friends of Father Goggin, O. P., who was formerly stationed at St. Louis Bertrand's, will be sorry to hear of his death at Springfield, Ky., last week. While stationed at St. Louis Bertrand's Father Goggin was Spiritual Director of the Holy Name Society, and was well liked by all the members.

The annual outing of St. John's congregation took place at Fern Grove on August 18, and an enjoyable time was had by all who attended. The boat left at 9 o'clock and was well filled. The ladies of the congregation served dinner for a nominal sum. The dining hall was in charge of Mrs. James O'Connor, who was assisted by Mrs. Mary Leahy, Mrs. W. T. Meehan and Mrs. Elijah Mann.

Last Monday was the feast of the Assumption and it was celebrated in all the churches, but at the Cathedral of the Assumption the services were unusually elaborate. The altar looked beautiful with its myriad of lights, and the music was above the ordinary. There is a pious belief among many Christians that the fervent recitation of a thousand "Hail Mary's" on that day will obtain any special favor one wishes. But this devotion is not practiced by many on account of the length of it.

In the archdiocese of Baltimore prayers were offered two weeks ago in thanksgiving for the victories attendant on the American arms in the war with Spain. When the writer was in Toledo a month ago at the Church of St. Francis de Sales, the pastor spoke feelingly on this subject, and while thanking our Creator for our triumphs on land and sea, also asked prayers for our sailors and soldiers who had fallen in those engagements. And his request was responded to heartily, everybody in the church answering in a distinct voice.

Miss Susie F. Swift is a recent convert to the Roman Catholic Church. Miss Swift is a graduate of Vassar, and after leaving college joined the Salvation army. On account of her health she was sent to London, where she had charge of the Newsboys' Home, on Fleet street. Later she returned to this country as assistant to Miss Eva Booth, and while in the discharge of duties in New York investigated the doctrines of the Catholic church, and being convinced lost no time in receiving instruction and becoming a member of the church.

The annual outing of the congregation of the Cathedral of the Assumption was a brilliant success. One of the largest crowds that has been at Fern Grove this season and one of the most orderly was gathered there to enjoy themselves. And they enjoyed themselves they did. There were about 2,000 people on the grounds and the three boats had all they could do to carry the crowd. The success of the outing was due principally to the hard work of Mrs. Chas. Smith, Miss Katie Walsh and Mr. Mulligan. They were assisted by a host of willing workers from all parts of the city. About a thousand dollars were cleared, which will be used for frescoing the church.

As announced previously, the Rev. Louis G. Deppen has resigned as pastor of St. Mary Magdalene church to do mission work among the negroes. Father Murphy, the recent assistant at St. John's, has succeeded him temporarily. Father Murphy has been in the city but a short time, coming here from Boston, but in those few weeks he made many friends at St. John's who hated to see him go. He is a young man of great magnetism, and a very fine speaker. Father Murphy has also been appointed Chancellor of the diocese. The permanent appointment for this parish will be made about September 1. The parishioners hope Father Murphy may be retained.

FAMINE IN IRELAND

Twelve Thousand Children Depending on Charity for Existence.

Mr. Patrick Donahoe, of the Boston Pilot, who has been forwarding funds to relieve the distress in the famine-stricken districts of Ireland, received the following letter of acknowledgment from Miss Maud Gonne, which conveys a forcible illustration of the lamentable state of affairs that have been existing in various parts of the country:

Over 12,000 children are receiving a pennyworth of bread daily in the schools in the famine districts. The average attendance of the children in these schools had fallen during the commencement of the famine from 50 to 70 per cent. Since we started this school children bread had the average attendance has risen to normal. The poor little things were actually too weak from starvation to walk long distances over hill and bog without breakfast. Now the mothers carry the weakly ones of their families to school in order to secure for them their pennyworth of bread. It seems to me in famine times this is one of the most practical ways of helping the people without demoralizing them. It secures the attendance of the children at school (which is of first importance for their future), and it takes some of the awful pressure and anxiety off the parents to know that the little ones at least have something to eat. I can not describe to you the terrible look of hunger on the little skeleton children I saw in the schools in the West.

Your kind donation will be duly acknowledged in 'Ireland Libre and in all the Irish papers. Please thank your readers for their generosity, and tell them that it will supply breakfast to thousands of starving little ones.

I am thankful to say the new crops will be in August, even the mountain districts and the West where they are always very late, and this will for the time put a stop to the actual famine.

The condition of the West of Ireland is a disgrace to any civilized nation. The people are systematically being starved by England, in order to force them either to join her army or navy or to leave Ireland. Everywhere the recruiting agents are going about, but, thank God, our peasants realize now that fighting for England means fighting for unjust and wicked causes, and they prefer starving. The recruiting from Ireland is growing fewer and fewer every year—the degenerate inhabitants of England's great factory towns are not the stuff to make soldiers or sailors; they lack both the physical courage and strength, and England's big navy, which we hear so much about, is crippled by want of men.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Ann Maher, eighty years of age and a highly respected woman, died at the home of her nephew, Dennis McGrath, 209 East Front street, Jeffersonville, Sunday night, of the infirmities of old age. She was the widow of William Maher. The funeral took place from St. Augustine's church Tuesday morning, and was largely attended.

A well-known and respected lady of the West End, Mrs. Mary Langan, died Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her residence, 2816 Garfield avenue, of typhoid fever. She was thirty-one years of age. The funeral took place Wednesday morning from St. Cecilia's church. The interment was in St. Louis cemetery.

John Donnelly, aged seventy-five, died Monday night at his residence, 2007 Twenty-third street. The funeral took place at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning from the residence and later from Sacred Heart church. The remains were accompanied to the cemetery by a large number of sorrowing friends.

Miss Margaret Wellington, aged sixty-four years, died at her home, 1025 East Washington street, at 12 o'clock Sunday night. The funeral took place from St. Columbus church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. The interment will be in St. Louis cemetery.

LAWN FETE POSTPONED.

The lawn fete announced in these columns to take place for the benefit of St. George's church has been postponed to Thursday evening, August 25. This will enable Rev. Father Weiss and the ladies and gentlemen in charge to provide a more elaborate entertainment for their guests. Carriages and wagons will be provided at Eighteenth and Dumesnil to convey free of charge those who attend. We have been informed that the young folks may enjoy the pleasure of a hay ride. As this will be one of the last as well as most enjoyable fetes of the season, those who wish to spend a pleasant evening should attend. The young ladies are prepared to serve refreshments in abundance, and only moderate prices will be charged.

NEW YORK'S OLDEST PRIEST.

The Rev. William Everitt, for nearly half a century rector of the Church of the Nativity, Second street, New York, and who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest priest in New York, was eighty-four years old Sunday. Father Everitt is a convert to Catholicity, having been at one time a clergyman in the Presbyterian church. He is still hale and hearty, and conducts the affairs of his parish. He has been pastor of the church since 1855. He was born in Albany in 1814. He and the late Mgr. Preston were students together in the Union Theological Seminary. Both were ordained Protestant ministers, and later both embraced Catholicism.

John T. Brush, President of the Cincinnati Club, is with the Reds on their present trip. He is the recipient of many letters from different parts of the country, wishing success for his team because of his fight to purify the national game.